



News and Updates

The first two weeks of the new academic year have been extremely positive and productive across NBS Al Waab. Following a busy preparation and orientation period, staff and students have settled well into school routines. There has been a strong focus on establishing positive relationships, clear expectations and engaging learning environments, while curriculum learning is now well underway across the school.

EYFS

We were delighted to welcome Ms Oliver and Ms Neringa to our Foundation 2 team. Both have made an excellent start and have quickly become valued members of the EYFS department. During Prep Week, the team participated in inter-Newton CPD and school-based training, while also preparing classrooms and learning environments. Families were welcomed to our EYFS Meet the Teacher morning, giving parents and children an opportunity to meet staff and become familiar with the setting ahead of the first day.

Across the opening weeks, our youngest children have made excellent progress in settling into school. Foundation 1 continues to welcome new children, while Foundation 2 has focused on establishing consistent routines and expectations.



Year 1

Year 1 has made a fantastic start. Children have quickly become familiar with their teachers, classmates and new learning environments and are demonstrating growing independence. Curriculum learning is now well underway: pupils have explored the school environment through Geography, strengthened number skills through practical Maths, developed rhyme and actions in English, investigated parts of plants in Science and used P4C to explore connections within their new class communities.





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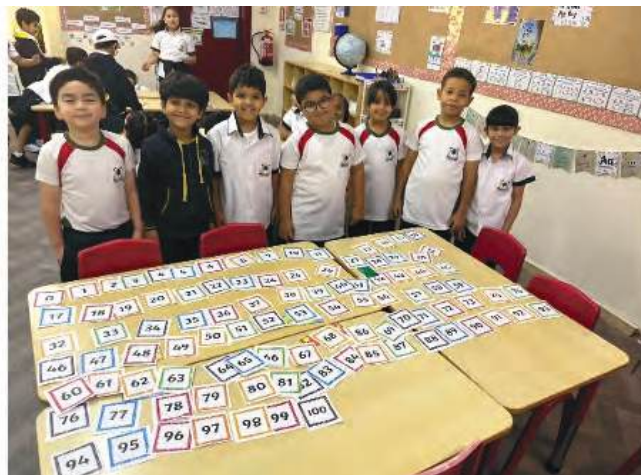
Year 2

Year 2 pupils have settled extremely well into their new classes. The opening weeks have focused on building relationships, establishing routines and supporting children as they adjust to the increased responsibilities of Year 2. Staff are already seeing friendships develop, confidence grow and pupils responding positively to the increased challenge within their learning.



Year 3

Year 3 has enjoyed an engaging start to the curriculum. In English, pupils have begun studying Stone Age Boy and developing their understanding of recounts, linking purposefully with their History learning about the Stone Age. In Maths, pupils have focused on place value, while Science has revisited plants and the conditions they require to grow and survive. Pupils have approached their new topics with excellent enthusiasm.





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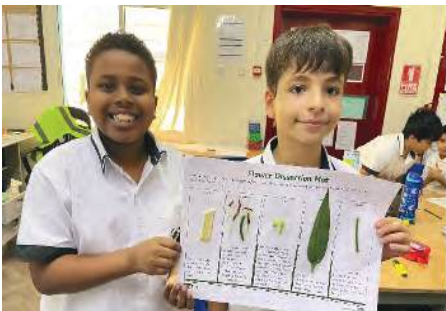
Year 4

We have also enjoyed celebrating the achievements of our Year 4 pupils beyond school. Mohammed Abdulla Alberaid participated in the Police of Tomorrow programme during the summer holiday, Razan Saeed A S Al Naemi took part in the Al Meera Summer Camp, and Mohammed Fahad received a certificate recognising his participation in the Longines Qatar Arabian Tour horse event.



Year 5

Year 5 pupils have made a positive and enthusiastic start to the new academic year. The opening weeks have focused on establishing strong classroom routines, building positive relationships and encouraging pupils to take greater responsibility for their learning. Children have engaged well across the curriculum and are already demonstrating increasing independence, resilience and confidence.



Year 6

Year 6 pupils have returned ready to learn and have made a purposeful start to their final year of primary school. Learning has included number and place value in Maths, acrostic poetry in English, the digestive system in Science and World War One in History. Library sessions have also focused on strengthening reading skills.





Achievements

We are extremely pleased to celebrate two significant achievements from our Arabic Department. Our Year 6 Arabic students from the previous academic year achieved an excellent 94.9% meeting or exceeding expectations in the ABT assessment. This reflects the hard work of our students and the continued commitment of the Arabic team to high standards of teaching and learning.

The Arabic Department also received a Silver Award from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) in recognition of their work on the My Values Project during the previous academic year. We congratulate the pupils and staff involved in these achievements, which reflect the department's commitment to both academic success and the wider development of our students.

SMT Updates

We are delighted to welcome all of our new staff members to the NBS Al Waab team. Our new colleagues have made an extremely positive start and are settling well into their roles, teams and school routines. SMT and existing staff have worked closely with new colleagues throughout orientation and the opening weeks to ensure they feel supported and have a clear understanding of our expectations, procedures and school culture.

Employee Accomplishments

We have been delighted by the level of staff interest in taking on additional leadership responsibilities this academic year. Interviews have been taking place for a range of promoted positions, including Team Leaders and Subject Coordinators. The strong number of applications reflects the commitment of our staff to their own professional development and to the continued improvement of NBS Al Waab. We look forward to working alongside our newly appointed leaders as they support colleagues and help drive improvement across their areas of responsibility.



Workshops

Professional development has been a significant focus at the start of the academic year. During Orientation and Prep Week, staff participated in a comprehensive programme of CPD and workshops designed to ensure consistency and readiness for the year ahead. Training covered key areas including safeguarding, behaviour, attendance, the school's vision, mission and values, emergency evacuation procedures, shelter-in-place procedures, and EYFS policies and procedures.



Arabic staff also participated in collaborative training sessions with Arabic colleagues from across the Newton Group, providing valuable opportunities to share practice and strengthen consistency across schools. Professional development will remain a priority throughout the year through staff collaboration, observation, coaching and targeted CPD.

HR Updates

Our HR team has had an exceptionally busy start to the academic year, supporting the induction and onboarding of new staff. This has included coordinating Residency Permit processes and documentation and ensuring that colleagues are familiar with important HR procedures and expectations. A comprehensive HR induction meeting was also delivered by Mrs. Ghadeer Khoury to provide essential information and guidance.

To welcome our new colleagues, HR Manager, Mrs. Ghadeer and Assistant, Ms. Widad organised a welcome lunch for new staff and SMT at Zengo, Kempinski. This provided an enjoyable opportunity for colleagues to connect outside the school environment and marked a positive end to the first week back.



MOE Updates

SMT and HR worked extensively during the preparation period and opening weeks to ensure that all relevant Ministry of Education and Higher Education requirements and procedures were in place for the new academic year. This included reviewing relevant circulars, policies and operational requirements and ensuring that appropriate procedures were communicated and implemented before students returned. This preparation helped ensure that the school was fully ready to welcome students and families at the start of term.

Events

The beginning of the academic year has already provided several valuable opportunities to welcome families into school. Our EYFS Open Morning was very well attended, giving families an opportunity to engage with staff and become familiar with the EYFS environment. We also hosted our first SMT Parent Coffee Morning of the year, which received an excellent turnout and provided an important opportunity for parents to meet members of the Senior Management Team and strengthen home-school communication.



We are now looking forward to welcoming families to our upcoming Meet the Teacher afternoons. There is also a busy programme of events ahead, including our Once Upon a Morning reading event, Science Week and Dr Jabr Day, alongside many other curriculum and community activities planned throughout the term.

